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HOUSE RESOLUTION 124
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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mr. Cleveland Udell
Staples of Memphis.

WHEREAS, it was with great sadness and a profound sense of loss that the members of
the General Assembly and the citizens of our state learned of the death of Cleveland Staples;
and

WHEREAS, Cleveland Staples was a distinguished citizen of the state of Tennessee
who was very dedicated to his profession, community and family; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Staples graduated from LeMoyne-Owen College and from Ohio State
University; and

WHEREAS, Cleveland Staples proudly served his nation in the Korean War in the
United States Army; and

WHEREAS, during his meritorious career in education, Cleveland Staples served with
distinction as the assistant principal at Mitchell High School for 13 years and as principal at
Corry Junior High for six years; and

WHEREAS, he also taught math, physics, chemistry and biology for eight years in the
Shelby County schools; and

WHEREAS, after his retirement in 1986, Cleveland Staples taught part-time at LeMoyne-
Owen College and State Technical Institute for 10 years; and

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WHEREAS, Cleveland Staples enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Mildred R. Staples; he was the proud parent of Dr. Ronald C. Staples; and the loving grandfather of two granddaughters; and

WHEREAS, he is also survived by two sisters, Charlie Staples Dortch and Mattie Staples Adams; and

WHEREAS, the legacy Cleveland Staples leaves behind will be long remembered and treasured by friends and associates for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body pause in its deliberations to remember the exemplary life of this fine Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we honor the memory of Cleveland Udell Staples, remembering with admiration his exemplary character and many selfless contributions to the community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Cleveland Udell Staples.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.